



Bridging West Virginia to the Future

An Initiative of the

Pew Center's State Management Lab

**Responsible
Government**

Past Accomplishments

- ☀ Paid down debt
- ☀ Privatized Workers Compensation System
- ☀ More than 200 companies have located or expanded in West Virginia



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An Opportunity for Improvement

West Virginia: C+

“West Virginia has never done much in the way of long-range planning.”

Pew Center on the States Grading the States Report (2008)



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Creating a Partnership

☀ West Virginia selected as 1 of 3 states for the Pew State Management Lab

~ State receives intensive support from Pew consultants and a \$50,000 grant

~ Pew develops a “best practice” model for use in other states



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PROJECT GOAL:

A Responsible State Government

Required Action:

-  Establish new statewide planning and budgeting systems

Desired Results:

-  Best return on public investments
-  Saved taxpayer dollars
-  Better services
-  More transparent process



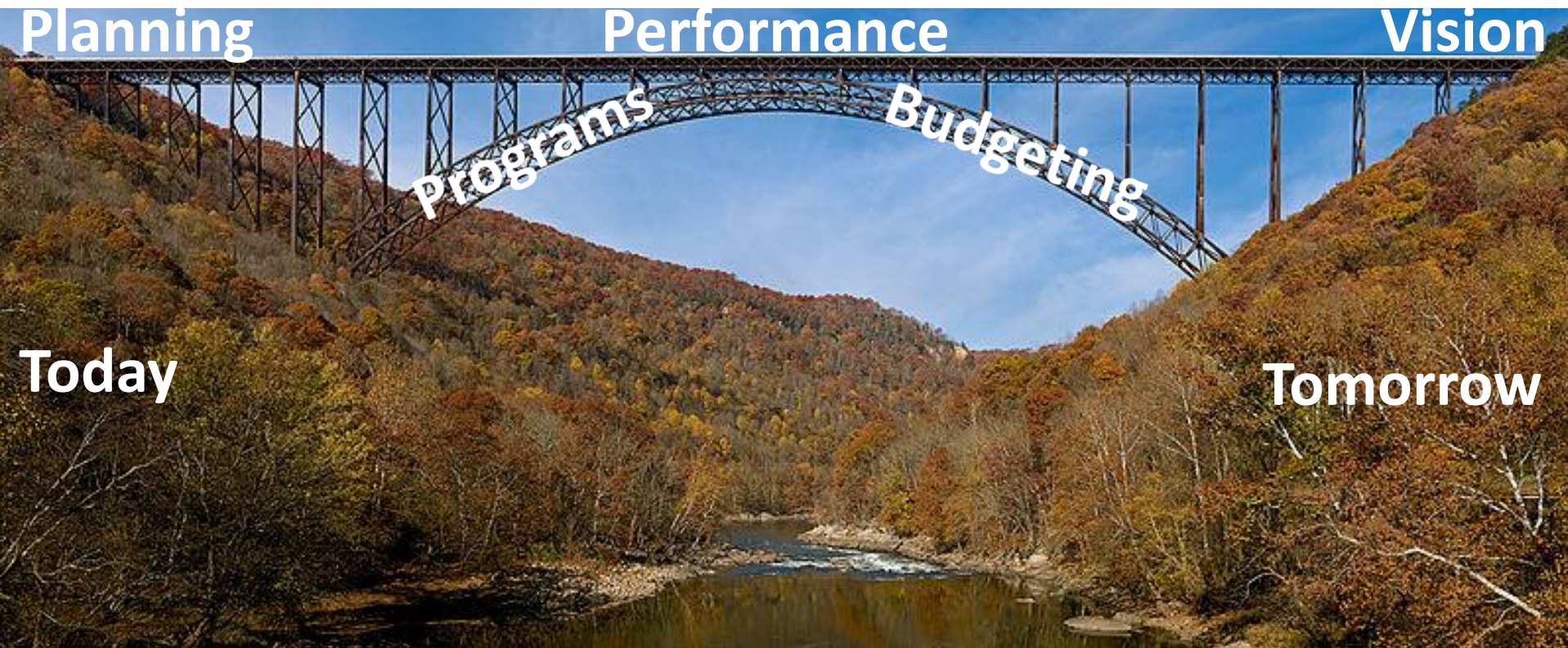
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Bridging Today's Planning With Tomorrow's Vision Through Performance



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Characteristics of a Responsible State Government

Transparent

- ~ Clearly shows the results state government delivers to its citizens

Accountable

- ~ Programs must meet citizens' expectations for their return on investment

Change

- ~ Align state resources towards priorities and performance – not on past years' budgets



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West Virginia: Vision 2012

- ☉ Strengthen West Virginia's education system.
- ☉ Increase West Virginians' access to quality and efficient health care.
- ☉ Increase the accountability of state government agencies to achieve better, measurable results.
- ☉ Expand West Virginia's economy.
- ☉ Diversify West Virginia's energy portfolio while expanding energy exports.
- ☉ Modernize and maintain the safety of West Virginia's infrastructure.
- ☉ West Virginia will be safer.



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Expectations

Planning

- ~ Cabinet Secretary planning guidance documents
- ~ Agency annual operational plans

Budgeting

- ~ Performance-based budgeting process that includes performance metrics

Codifying change

- ~ Passage of the West Virginia Accountability Act



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